

identical to the initial 2020 IHA. The potential effects, and the mitigation and monitoring are all less impactful because of the smaller harassment zones sizes for the remaining scenarios. The estimated take is greatly reduced and no Level A harassment take is proposed because of the smaller Level A harassment zone sizes and the lack of multiple hammer use.

NMFS has preliminarily concluded that there is no new information suggesting that our analysis or findings should change from those reached for the initial 2020 IHA. This includes consideration of the estimated abundance of the harbor seal stock decreasing slightly and the discussion of the specific scenarios to account for the remaining work. The new scenarios have smaller level A and Level B harassment zones than the worst case scenarios analyzed in the 2020 IHA because of the removal of simultaneous driving, the smaller pile sizes and durations remaining, and the use of only a vibratory hammer in this IHA.

Based on the information and analysis contained here and in the referenced documents, NMFS has determined the following: (1) The required mitigation measures will effect the least practicable impact on marine mammal species or stocks and their habitat; (2) the authorized takes will have a negligible impact on the affected marine mammal species or stocks; (3) the authorized takes represent small numbers of marine mammals relative to the affected stock abundances; (4) San Francisco's activities will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on taking for subsistence purposes as no relevant subsistence uses of marine mammals are implicated by this action, and; (5) appropriate monitoring and reporting requirements are included.

Endangered Species Act

Section 7(a)(2) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA: 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) requires that each Federal agency insure that any action it authorizes, funds, or carries out is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any endangered or threatened species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of designated critical habitat. To ensure ESA compliance for the issuance of IHAs, NMFS consults internally, in this case with the West Coast Region Protected Resources Division Office, whenever we propose to authorize take for endangered or threatened species.

No incidental take of ESA-listed species is proposed for authorization or expected to result from this activity. Therefore, NMFS has determined that

formal consultation under section 7 of the ESA is not required for this action.

Proposed Authorization

As a result of these preliminary determinations, NMFS proposes to issue an IHA to San Francisco for conducting the Treasure Island Ferry Dock Project in San Francisco, California from July 15, 2021 through July 14, 2022, provided the previously described mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements are incorporated. A draft of the proposed IHA can be found at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/permit/incidental-take-authorizations-under-marine-mammal-protection-act>.

Request for Public Comments

We request comment on our analyses (included in both this document and the referenced documents supporting the 2020 IHA), the proposed authorization, and any other aspect of this notice of proposed IHA for the proposed construction activity at Treasure Island. We also request comment on the potential for renewal of this proposed IHA as described in the paragraph below. Please include with your comments any supporting data or literature citations to help inform our final decision on the request for MMPA authorization.

On a case-by-case basis, NMFS may issue a one-year renewal IHA following notice to the public providing an additional 15 days for public comments when (1) up to another year of identical or nearly identical, or nearly identical, activities as described in the Specified Activities section of this notice is planned or (2) the activities as described in the Specified Activities section of this notice would not be completed by the time the IHA expires and a renewal would allow for completion of the activities beyond that described in the *Dates and Duration* section of this notice, provided all of the following conditions are met:

- A request for renewal is received no later than 60 days prior to the needed renewal IHA effective date (recognizing that the renewal IHA expiration date cannot extend beyond one year from expiration of the initial IHA);
- The request for renewal must include the following:

(1) An explanation that the activities to be conducted under the requested renewal IHA are identical to the activities analyzed under the initial IHA, are a subset of the activities, or include changes so minor (*e.g.*, reduction in pile size) that the changes do not affect the previous analyses, mitigation and monitoring requirements, or take estimates (with

the exception of reducing the type or amount of take); and

(2) A preliminary monitoring report showing the results of the required monitoring to date and an explanation showing that the monitoring results do not indicate impacts of a scale or nature not previously analyzed or authorized; and

- Upon review of the request for renewal, the status of the affected species or stocks, and any other pertinent information, NMFS determines that there are no more than minor changes in the activities, the mitigation and monitoring measures will remain the same and appropriate, and the findings in the initial IHA remain valid.

Dated: May 24, 2021.

Catherine Marzin,

Acting Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold meetings of the following: Law Enforcement Committee (Closed Session); Snapper Grouper Committee; Dolphin Wahoo Committee; Mackerel Cobia Committee; Executive Committee; and Habitat and Ecosystem-Based Management Committee. The meeting week will also include a formal public comment session and a meeting of the Full Council (Partially Closed). Due to public health concerns associated with COVID-19 and current travel restrictions the meeting will be held via webinar.

DATES: The Council meeting will be held from 10 a.m. on Monday, June 14, 2021 until 12 p.m. on Friday, June 18, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Meeting address: The meeting will be held via webinar. Webinar registration is required. Details are included in **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer, SAFMC; phone: (843) 302-8440 or toll free: (866) SAFMC-10; fax: (843) 769-4520; email: kim.iverson@safmc.net.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Meeting information, including agendas, overviews, and briefing book materials will be posted on the Council's website at: <http://safmc.net/safmc-meetings/council-meetings/>. Webinar registration links for each meeting day will also be available from the Council's website.

Public comment: Public comment on items on this agenda may be submitted through the Council's online comment form at: <https://safmc.wufoo.com/forms/m9mrll0e1fm0f/>. Comments will be accepted from May 31 to June 18, 2021. These comments are accessible to the public, part of the Administrative Record of the meeting, and immediately available for Council consideration.

The items of discussion in the individual meeting agendas are as follows:

Law Enforcement Committee, Monday, June 14, 2021, 10 a.m. Until 10:30 a.m. (Closed Session)

The Committee will review nominations and select recipient of the Council's Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.

Council Session I, Monday, June 14, 2021, 10:30 p.m. Until 5:30 p.m. (Partially Closed)

The Council will meet in Closed Session to review applicants for open seats on the Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) and various advisory panels. The Council will then meet in Open Session and receive reports from state agencies, Council liaisons, NOAA Office of Law Enforcement, and the U.S. Coast Guard. The Council will review and approve South Atlantic Research Priorities, receive presentations from NOAA Fisheries Southeast Fisheries Science Center (SEFSC) on the Southeast Longline Surveys and on the Dolphin Participatory Workshops, updates from the Recreational Reporting Workgroup and further discuss and comment on Executive Order 14008 on Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad.

Snapper Grouper Committee, Tuesday, June 15, 2021, 8:30 a.m. Until 5:30 p.m. and Wednesday, June 16, 2021 From 8:30 a.m. Until 12 p.m.

The Committee will receive stock assessment reports for gag, golden tilefish, and red snapper. Each report will include a presentation on the stock assessment from NOAA Fisheries SEFSC, recommendations from the

Council's SSC, and a Fishery Overview. The Committee will then develop a management response for each stock assessment. The Committee will review draft Amendment 50 to the Snapper Grouper Fishery Management Plan (FMP) addressing proposed measures for red porgy, review recommendations from its Snapper Grouper Advisory Panel (AP) and consider approving the amendment for public hearings.

The Committee will also receive a Fishery Overview for yellowtail snapper, review an options paper, receive recommendations from the Council's Snapper Grouper AP, and provide guidance on amendment development relative to yellowtail snapper. The Committee will also receive additional recommendations from the Snapper Grouper AP not covered earlier and updates on the South Atlantic Red Snapper Count and Greater Amberjack Count in the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic.

Dolphin Wahoo Committee, Wednesday, June 16, 2021, 1:30 p.m. Until 3:45 p.m. and Thursday, June 17, 2021 From 8:30 a.m. Until 10 a.m.

The Committee will review actions and alternatives for Amendment 10 to the Dolphin Wahoo FMP. The Amendment includes actions addressing: Revisions to recreational data and catch level recommendations; modifications to recreational accountability measures; measures to allow properly permitted commercial vessels with trap, pot or buoy gear on board to possess commercial quantities of dolphin and wahoo; removal of the current Operator Card requirement; reductions in the recreational vessel limit for dolphin; and reductions in the recreational bag limit and establishment of a recreational vessel limit for wahoo. The Committee will also review a project plan for amendments to the Dolphin Wahoo FMP.

Formal Public Comment, Wednesday, June 16, 2021, 4 p.m.—Public comment will be accepted via webinar on all items on the Council meeting agenda. Highlighted items: Approval of Amendment 10 to the Dolphin Wahoo FMP for submission to the Secretary of Commerce and public hearing approvals of Amendment 50 to the Snapper Grouper FMP (red porgy) and Coastal Migratory Pelagics Amendment 34 (Atlantic king mackerel). The Council Chair will determine the amount of time provided to each commenter based on the number of individuals wishing to comment.

Mackerel Cobia Committee, Thursday, June 17, 2021, 10 a.m. Until 12 p.m.

The Committee will review the Coastal Migratory Pelagic (CMP) Amendment 34 addressing management measures for Atlantic king mackerel and CMP Amendment 32 addressing management measures to end overfishing for Gulf of Mexico cobia. CMP Amendment 34 is scheduled to be approved for public hearings. The Committee will also receive a report from the Mackerel Cobia Advisory Panel.

Executive Committee, Thursday, June 17, 2021, 1:30 p.m. Until 3 p.m.

The Committee will receive a report from the Council Coordinating Committee meeting, review and approve the Council's 2021 Budget, and review the Council's FMP Workplan.

Habitat Protection and Ecosystem-Based Management Committee, Thursday, June 17, 2021, 3 p.m. Until 5 p.m.

The Committee will review public hearing comments on Amendment 10 to the Coral FMP, which would establish a shrimp fishery access area for the deepwater shrimp fishery along the Oculina Bank Habitat Area of Particular Concern, and is scheduled to approve all actions. The Committee will also receive an update on the Habitat Blueprint and a report from the Habitat Protection and Ecosystem-Based Management AP.

Council Session II, Friday, June 18, 2021, 8:30 a.m. Until 12 p.m.

The Council will receive a report from the Executive Director and staff reports on development of the Council's Allocation Tool to inform sector allocation decisions, Climate Change Scenario Planning, the Council's Citizen Science Program, and Outreach and Communications efforts. The Council will receive a report from the Outreach and Communications AP and an update on relevant activities at the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT).

NOAA Fisheries SEFSC staff will provide an update on the status of commercial electronic logbooks. NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Office staff will provide an overview of the draft Standardized Bycatch Reporting Methodology document, an update on the For-Hire Electronic Reporting program, and a Protected Resources report.

The Council will receive reports from the following committees: Law Enforcement; Snapper Grouper; Dolphin Wahoo; Mackerel Cobia; Executive; and

Habitat Protection and Ecosystem-Based Management.

The Council will discuss other business, upcoming meetings, and take action as necessary.

Documents regarding these issues are available from the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**).

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) 5 days prior to the meeting.

Note: The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

(Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*)

Dated: May 25, 2021.

Tracey L. Thompson,

Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Individual Fishing Quotas for Pacific Halibut and Sablefish in the Alaska Fisheries

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested

via the **Federal Register** on January 13, 2021 (86 FR 2644), during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

Title: Individual Fishing Quotas for Pacific Halibut and Sablefish in the Alaska Fisheries.

OMB Control Number: 0648-0272.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Regular submission (extension and revision of a currently approved information collection).

Number of Respondents: 3,441.

Average Hours per Response:

Application for IFQ/CDQ Hired Master Permit, 1 hour; Application for IFQ/CDQ Registered Buyer Permit, 30 minutes; Application for Replacement of Certificates or Permits, 30 minutes; Application for Eligibility to Receive QS/IFQ by Transfer, 2 hours; QS Holder: Identification of Ownership Interest, 2 hours; Application for Transfer of QS, 2 hours; Application for Transfer of QS/IFQ by Self Sweep Up, 2 hours; Application for Medical Transfer of IFQ, 1.5 hours; Application for Temporary Transfer of Halibut/Sablefish IFQ, 2 hours; (emergency) Application for Temporary Transfer of Halibut/Sablefish IFQ, 2 hours; Annual Report for CDQ IFQ Transfers, 40 hours; QS/IFQ Beneficiary Designation Form, 30 minutes; Appeals, 4 hours; IFQ Administrative Waiver, 6 minutes; Prior Notice of Landing, 15 minutes; IFQ Departure Report, 15 minutes; Transshipment Authorization, 12 minutes; Dockside sales, 6 minutes; Application for a Non-profit Corporation to be Designated as a Recreational Quota Entity, 200 hours; Application for Transfer of Quota Share To or From a Recreational Quota Entity, 2 hours; Recreational Quota Entity Annual Report, 40 hours.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 11,236 hours.

Needs and Uses: The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), Alaska Regional Office, is requesting renewal and revision of this currently approved information collection that contains requirements for the Pacific Halibut and Sablefish Individual Fishing Quota Program (IFQ Program).

The International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) and NMFS Alaska Region manage fishing for Pacific halibut (*Hippoglossus stenolepis*) through regulations established under the authority of the *Northern Pacific Halibut Act of 1982*, 16 U.S.C. 773c (Halibut Act). The IPHC promulgates regulations governing the halibut fishery

under the *Convention between the United States Halibut Fishery of the Northern Pacific Ocean and Bering Sea* (Convention). Regulations pursuant to the Convention are set forth at *50 CFR 300 subpart E*.

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council, under the authority of the Halibut Act (with respect to Pacific halibut) and the *Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act* (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*; Magnuson-Stevens Act) (with respect to sablefish), manages the IFQ Program. NMFS Alaska Region administers the IFQ Program. Regulations implementing the IFQ Program are set forth at *50 CFR part 679*.

The IFQ Program provides a limited access system for Pacific halibut in Convention waters in and off Alaska and sablefish fisheries in waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska. The IFQ Program provides coastal Alaska communities a source of revenue, while maintaining the social and economic character of the fixed-gear sablefish and halibut fisheries. The IFQ Program provides economic stability for these fisheries while reducing many of the conservation and management problems commonly associated with open-access fisheries. The IFQ Program includes several provisions, such as ownership caps and vessel use caps that protect small producers, part-time participants, and entry-level participants that otherwise could be adversely affected by excessive consolidation.

Participation in the IFQ Program is limited to persons that hold quota share (QS), although there are several very limited provisions for "leasing" of annual IFQ. QS is a transferable permit that was initially issued to persons who owned or leased vessels that made legal commercial fixed-gear landings of Pacific halibut or sablefish in the waters off Alaska from 1988 through 1990. Currently, QS may only be obtained through transfer.

Annually, NMFS issues eligible QS holders an IFQ fishing permit that authorizes participation in the IFQ fisheries. Those to whom IFQ permits are issued may harvest their annual allocation at any time during the eight plus-month IFQ halibut and sablefish seasons.

More information on the IFQ Program is provided on the NMFS Alaska Region website at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/alaska/sustainable-fisheries/pacific-halibut-and-sablefish-individual-fishing-quota-ifq-program>.

Some of the collection instruments in this information collection are used by